

*Please amend the application as follows:*

### IN THE CLAIMS

In accordance with amendment practice pursuant to Rule 1.121(c)(1)(i), presented below is a "clean" set of "rewritten claims." A "marked up" version of these claims is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 pursuant to Rule 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

*Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.*

*Sub B1  
At*  
~~2. (Amended) A composite material comprising a thermoplastic hydrophilic matrix and a liquid active ingredient dispersed in an oil-in-water emulsion, wherein the liquid active ingredient forms inclusions in the matrix of uniformly distributed droplets, with a droplet size of between 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .~~

*A2 Sub B3*  
~~4. (Amended) A composite material according to claim 2 wherein a load of the active ingredient in the composite material is between 1 to 50 % w/w.~~

*A3*  
~~6. (Amended) A composite material according to claim 2 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of a flavor compound, an extract, a precursor or a composition containing a flavor compound, and mixtures thereof.~~

*A3*  
~~7. (Amended) A composite material according to claim 2 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of a fragrance, a fragrance precursor, an odor masking agent, and mixtures thereof.~~

*A3*  
~~8. (Amended) A composite material according to claim 2 wherein the active ingredient is a compound with biological activity.~~